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Census Bureau encourages us to go to the Auxiliary Offices in the barrios



ORANJESTAD -- The Census Bureau has noted that despite all the updates and improvements of the facilities at the Auxiliary Offices in the barrios, a large group of people are still coming to the main Bureau in Oranjestad for services that are readily available in their barrio.

This is causing an unnecessary agglomeration of people at the Census Bureau's main Offices. Hence, the Bureau is making yet another appeal to our citizens to go to the Auxiliary government office in their barrio for the following services:

Census Declarations (Fls.5); Declaration of Good Conduct (Fls.5); Attestatie di Vita (proof of living) (Fls.5); Request form for Bijstand/Onderstand (Free); Free Lawyer (Free).

The Auxiliary Offices are located in: San Nicolaas, Savaneta, Noord, Paradera, and Sta. Cruz. These offices provide the very same services as at the main Bureau, and much faster as they are in your very own barrio, close to home and usually without any long waiting lines.

Remember to take the following document with you: valid identification – ID card, or drivers' license or passport.

The month of July is known to be a very busy time when many people are requesting new passports for vacation travels, or for students going to study abroad. Others are requesting the Fls.5 document either for school purposes or for resident's permits, etc.

Everyone is being reminded that Saturdays, 16, 23 and 30th of July the Census Bureau in Oranjestad will be open to the public from 9:00 in the morning until 1:00 in the afternoon only for the purpose of attending to passport requests or for the delivery of passports.

Students needing whatever document for school can have this processed also on Saturdays.

Bear in mind that during the week of July 25 to 30 you can expect many young people at the office requesting to be written off for their departure to the Netherlands to study.

ELMAR to embark on major maintenance program

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba electric distribution company, ELMAR, is doing its utmost to maintain her distribution network to guarantee stability and optimal conditions so that they can continue to guarantee reliable electricity distribution to her clients.

It is in this context that our national electric distribution company has begun reviewing all her electric meters. This means that ELMAR inspectors will be visiting every home in Aruba to do a physical review of all meters. This project is scheduled to begin on July 15.

They kindly ask for the cooperation of all clients to afford inspectors ready access to the electric meters.

In order to ensure that the electric distribution is in good condition, it is imperative that this maintenance program be conducted at every home and building. They will do a check of the connection, review the meter, and inspect the fuse box as well as electric power lines.

ELMAR's inspectors will leave a brief note at those homes where they could not enter or could not get to the meter. Persons receiving such notes should quickly contact ELMAR's office at the telephone number on the note



left behind to make an appointment for an inspector to return to do the inspection of their meter.

To facilitate the process and to adapt to the hours of the client, ELMAR's inspectors will be available everyday until about 7:00 at night. They will also work on the weekends to advance the

process even more. This way they could accommodate those who are off from work only on the weekend.

In order to do this maintenance in the most efficient manner possible and to be successful at this project, ELMAR is appealing to all her clients to extend their usual cooperation.

Belgium to ban the burqa next week

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - Belgium will enforce a burqa ban from July 23 with a fine and possible jail time for women who wear it, joining France as the second EU nation to forbid full veils, Belgian media said yesterday.

The new law was published Wednesday in the kingdom's official journal

after deputies approved it unanimously in parliament in April.

Offenders will face a fine of 137.50 euros (\$195) and up to seven days behind bars. An estimated 270 people wear the face-covering niqab or the full-body burqa in Belgium.

France -- home to Eu-

rope's biggest Muslim population -- became the first European Union country to ban the burqa on April 11.

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Police swoop on international mafia drug ring

ROME, (AFP) - Dozens of suspected drug traffickers from the powerful 'Ndrangheta mafia have been arrested in an operation spanning Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, the United States, Venezuela and Colombia, Italian police said Thursday.

American and Italian detectives worked together to bust the international drug ring, which smuggled cocaine from Latin America to Calabria in the south of Italy via the United States, the police said in a statement. The drugs were then distributed throughout Italy and abroad.

The majority of the 45 suspects issued with arrest warrants were seized in the southern region of Calabria -- the 'Ndrangheta's stronghold -- as well as in Sicily, Rome and the northern Lombardy region around Milan.

The bust was the third stage in a vast, ongoing operation to break the trafficking ring. In 2008 police had already arrested 166 people in Italy, Mexico and the United States -- plus another 13 in Italy in 2010, the statement said.

The 'Ndrangheta -- whose name comes from the Greek for courage or loyalty -- is one of Italy's four organised crime syndicates, along with the Sicilian Mafia, the Sacra Corona from southeastern Puglia and the Naples-area Camorra.

One of the most powerful and secretive crime syndicates in the world, it has been linked to operations across western and northern Europe, the Americas and Australia and is notoriously difficult to penetrate.

Murdoch and son agree to testify, FBI probes US claims

LONDON, (AFP) - Media mogul Rupert Murdoch and son James yielded to intense pressure Thursday and agreed to testify to British lawmakers, as the phone-hacking scandal widened to US shores with an FBI probe.

In another dramatic day in the saga that has killed off the News of the World tabloid and wrecked Murdoch's takeover bid for pay-TV giant BSkyB, the Murdochs reversed their earlier refusal to give evidence to a parliamentary committee on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, US investigators said they were looking into claims that News Corp. employees may have targeted the phone records of September 11 victims.

British police also Thursday arrested Neil Wallis, a

former News of the World executive, but were later forced to admit that Scotland Yard itself had previously employed him as an advisor, raising fresh concerns about police corruption in the case.

In London, police arrested Wallis, 60, the former executive editor and deputy editor of the News of the World, who left the paper in 2009. Wallis is the ninth person to be arrested since the inquiry was reopened in January.

Wallis was deputy editor from 2003 to 2007 under editor Andy Coulson. Coulson quit the paper in 2007 after its royal reporter and a private

investigator were jailed for hacking mobile phone voicemails.

Coulson, who went on to become Prime Minister David Cameron's media chief before quitting that job in January, was arrested on Friday in connection with the scandal and later bailed.

In Australia, the birthplace of Murdoch's global empire, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said on Thursday she would be open to an inquiry into media regulation and ownership after the "disgusting" scandal engulfing News Corp.

Dutch police in Rwanda for genocide probe

KIGALI, (AFP) - Dutch police are in Rwanda to investigate suspects living in The Netherlands accused of crimes committed during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, an official said Thursday.

"A team of five investigators, all Dutch police officers, are here to hear witnesses about two dozen suspects living in The Netherlands," said Jean Bosco Siboyintore, the head of the unit tracking down genocide suspects.

Kigali has sent to The Hague a list of 20 Dutch-based suspects it accuses of involvement in the genocide, he added.

"We agreed (with the Dutch) that investigators would come to Rwanda to investigate themselves," Siboyintore told AFP. "They conduct their investigations independently."

Among the suspects accused of genocide and incitement to commit genocide is Yvonne Basebya, aged 64, the wife of a former parliamentarian.

She is accused of preparing a list of people to be killed in the Kigali neighbourhood she lived in -- charges for which Rwanda's traditional courts tried her in absentia in 2007 and sentenced her to life imprisonment.

A Dutch appeals court last week sentenced to life imprisonment Joseph Mpambara, for having carried out an attack on a Protestant church where Tutsis had fled.

He was the first Rwandan to be convicted in The Netherlands for crimes during the genocide in which 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus died, according to United Nations estimates.

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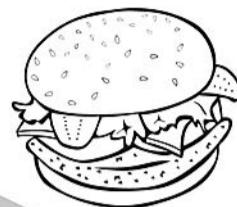
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DPL
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ORANJESTAD -- From July 4 to 9, the Department for Labor Advancement (DPL) completed its week of registrations in the barrios. However, the DPL wants to inform everyone that the opportunity for registration for jobs continues. As of July 11th it is possible to go to the Office for Labor and Investigation in the L.G. Smith Blvd 134 to register. Many have found their way to this office to register and the doors continue open for others to do likewise.

As of August 11th registration will take place at DPL's new offices in Seroe Blanco 4, the previous AZV location.

According to the government, the DPL was created to assist our community to make progress. They have made numerous internal changes to offer better service to those searching for work. The changes also facilitate employers who can now benefit from all of the new and revised labor

laws.

This past week of registration will give us a clear picture of the labor needs in our community. DPL together with the database of the Department of Labor can facilitate the search for work by being able to match the seeker with an employer.

If for whatever reason you were unable to register during the registration week in your barrio, feel free to come by the Labor Department's office today or as of August 1st at DPL where a brand new well trained team stands ready to serve you.

DPL is dedicated to helping you achieve your employment goals...they want our community to progress in the labor market.

Stay alert for the changes that DPL will be announcing. You may want to follow these developments online at www.dpl.aw.

Their motto: "Together moving forward!"



ORANJESTAD -- Former director of the Kas di Cultura of Curacao, Dr. Rene Rosalia, recently spent some time on Aruba giving guidance to a group of 22 persons working on an investigative project about the Oral History of Aruba.

In connection with this project, Rosalia gave a three-day workshop at the University of Aruba. The Department of Culture together with the Center for Investigation and Development of the University of Aruba (UA) is co-ordinating a project called, "Expedicion Rescate" (Rescue Expedition).

The purpose of this project is to help collect, record and preserve the memory of our seniors regarding our history, traditions, customs and culture. The project will incorporate the voluntary services of those willing to go into the barrios and do the investigation through interviews of our seniors.

A similar project is being undertaken in Curacao for the past nine years under the leadership of Rene Rosalia. His desire was also to expand the project to include Aruba and Bonaire. Last year the project finally became a reality for Aruba and they are currently in the phase of the training of the various participants.

The UA is charged with the task of supervising the investigations to be conducted to ensure a high standard and professional quality of the results. In this context, the Aruba University is working with different academic people from various countries, and with professors from different universities in the Caribbean region, Latin America and the Netherlands. Dr. Rene Rosalia is one of the affiliates supervising the investigations of the Oral His-

tory.

There are currently 4 groups who will be doing the investigations on 4 separate aspects of Aruban life: The History of the Family, History of the Barrio, History of the Pre-Industrial period, and the History of the End-of-the-Year Traditions.

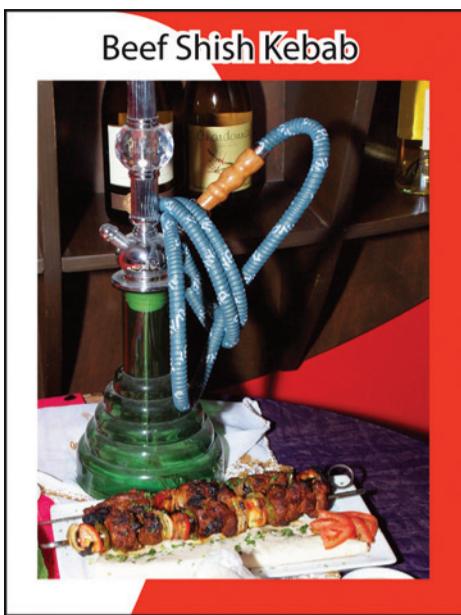
During the workshop with Rosalia, they evaluated the work completed thus far. They also prepared a specific protocol which every participant is expected to sign. This signed protocol is so that they can guarantee that the methodology of the Oral History will be executed in the most responsible manner possible.

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DOW kindly ask all motorists to NOT use this section of road if they do not live

there, but deploy an alternate route.

The road will be closed for traffic from both sides and a side road will stay open enabling residence of the street to access their homes. There will be barricades and traffic lights indicating the road is closed.

DOW asks everyone for their understanding and patience and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Investigating Oral History...

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During the final day of the workshop the "Epedicion Rescate" group was visited by Arthur Kelly. Arthur Kelly is a young student who came with his musical box (caha di orgel) dubbed "Olga." Together with Patan Farro they delighted the group with music crafted by Patan himself on his music box cylinder.

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Rene Rosalia also played a piece on the Caha di Orgel, which revealed to the group that Rosalia also owns his own Caha di Orgel in Curaçao!

Their slogan: "Let's document the history of our own people"

This year's Dutch mussels disappoint

The Dutch mussel season officially opened yesterday, though Belgium kicked off a day earlier. The Belgians noticed immediately that, although the mussels were a bit smaller than last year, they were 20 percent more expensive.

The mussel harvest has been poor this year, most likely due to the hot, dry spring, which has stunted the mol-

luscs' growth. The problems led to a one-week delay in the season opening.

Last year, mussel growers in the southern Dutch province of Zeeland had a bumper crop. While the mussels were of top quality, prices actually dropped. This year, it couldn't be more different: the mussel jamboree, says Dutch newspaper de Pers, was short-lived.

The Aruban Iguana

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Of all the reptiles running through the hot and dry sand looking for shelter in among trees and cacti, the iguana is the most remarkable. A fully-grown male can reach a length of 2 meters including his tail. However, size does not detract from speed when the iguana senses danger.

Should an iguana sense danger, its initial reaction is to change color, then it tries to find a place where it can camouflage better and blend in with its surroundings. Often its ideal place is hiding in a tree. Still sensing trouble, it peeks gingerly with one eye to see what threat is causing it to hide. Once the iguana notices that it has been detected, the reptile has no other choice than to fall to the ground and run as fast as possible. Iguana's are surprisingly fast - they raise their bodies off the ground with their legs, and sprint off at an impressive pace, almost seeming to be running on tiptoe.

An adult iguana's color normally is a grayish green, while a young iguana is a bright neon green, which can become darker as soon as it feels threatened.

The iguana's food of choice are green leaves and certain fruits and they have the ability to find the leaves with a higher nutritional content. The female iguana lays her eggs in a hole that she excavated herself.

It's a shame that these precious animals are still being



hunted today. They are mostly relished in soups. A popular notion is that iguana soup gives strength and virility. This comes from the belief that males have two penises (actually it is one split in two).

Some people therefore believe that the iguana is a fountain of strength and potency. It has even been claimed that iguana soup helped a wheel-chaired man to walk again.

In 1995 a prohibition to kill iguanas was established, out of fear that the local population of these animals was being wiped out. For example, any



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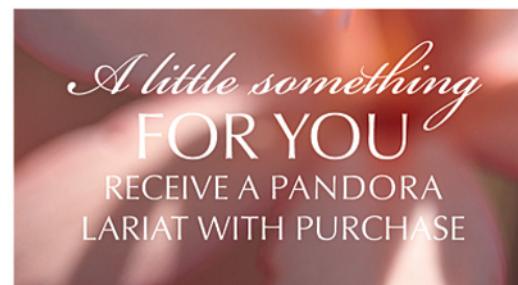
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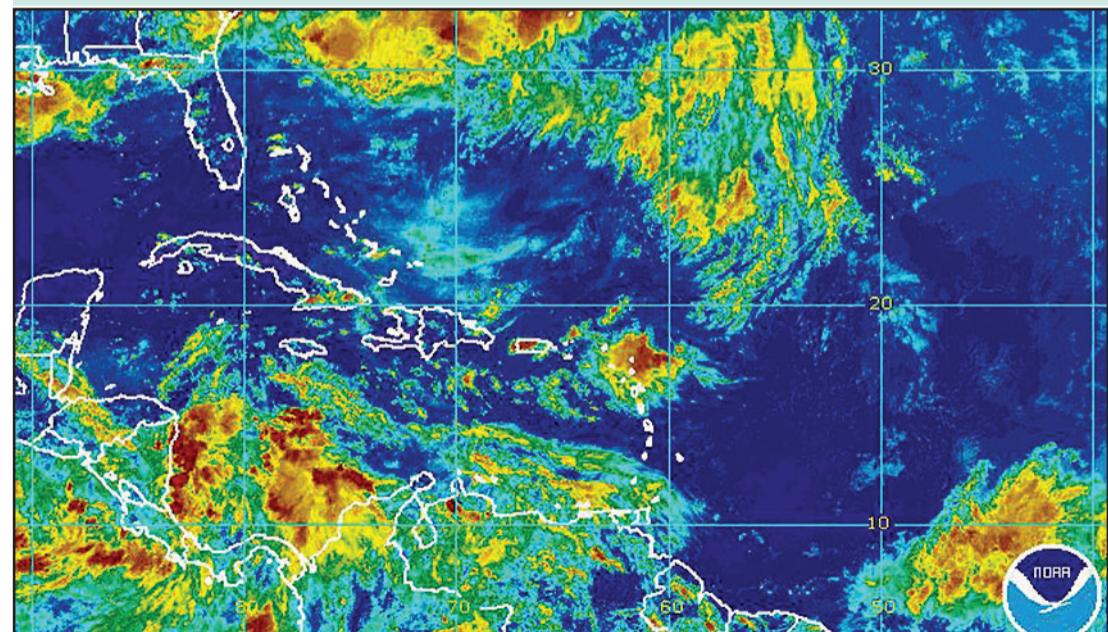
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Disturbed weather in southwestern Caribbean unlikely to develop



An area of disturbed weather has formed over the southwestern Caribbean Sea. Development, if any, of this system is expected to be slow to occur as it remains nearly stationary or drifts westward during the next day or two. This system has a low chance, 10 percent, of becoming a tropical storm during the next 48 hours. Regardless of development, locally heavy rainfall is possible over portions of Central America during the next few days.

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Report: One in three iPhone owners think they have 4G already

Confused about all this 4G nonsense? You're not alone: A new survey full of eye-opening information suggests plenty of people don't have all (or any of) the facts on the upcoming switch to the fourth generation of cellular network service.

Worse, though, is that many customers mistakenly already think they're getting faster cell service than their phones are actually giving them.

The information comes from a survey of 1,000 iPhone, Android and BlackBerry smartphone owners from consumer product review site Retrevo. According to the survey, as many as 34 percent of Apple iPhone owners think they're already receiving 4G service, even though no iPhone yet supports 4G, and it's not even clear that 4G will be supported in the next generation of iPhone likely released in the fall. The survey also found that 29 percent of Android owners falsely believed their phones got 4G service, along with 24 percent of

BlackBerry owners.

So, what is 4G?

Fourth-generation service, or 4G as it is referred to by telecom companies, is a bit of a nebulous term. There's no hard-and-fast standard for what qualifies a service as 4G, and in fact, right now, it can mostly be characterized as "better than 3G," the current wireless service available on the iPhone and most Android and BlackBerry phones. Several telecom companies, such as AT&T, have even been steadily reducing what is considered 4G by relabeling different, faster-than-3G services — like HSPA+, a data technology that is included in the iPhone but isn't used — as 4G even though they've never been counted as such in the past.

Then there's 4G LTE, or long-term evolution, which is a technology pushed by companies including (in a big way) Verizon. This is a significantly faster data transfer speed than 3G, and is requiring Verizon to overhaul its network. That's leading to the

company slowly adding markets over time to those with 4G LTE coverage. There are already some Android and BlackBerry phones on the market that can make use of 4G LTE, but the coverage is mostly confined to bigger cities. There's no 4G LTE-capable iPhone.

The whole situation is so confusing that one lawmaker is actually sponsoring a bill that would require a set of standards in determining what qualifies as 4G and force carriers such as Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile to disclose what exactly customers are getting when they pay for 4G.

Scientists discover lost toad in Malaysian jungle



BORNEO - Scientists have rediscovered a spindly-legged toad species almost 90 years after it was last sighted in Malaysia's Borneo jungle, an environmental group said on Thursday.

The Sambas Stream Toad, or Borneo Rainbow Toad, was found by a team of scientists after months of scouring remote forest in Sarawak

state on Borneo island, Conservation International (CI) said in a release.

The endangered toad was last seen in 1924 and was previously known from only three individuals.

"It is good to know that nature can surprise us when we are close to giving up hope, especially amidst our planet's escalating extinction crisis," amphibian specialist Robin Moore of the Virginia-based group said.

"Amphibians are at the forefront of this tragedy, so I hope that these unique species serve as flagships for conservation, inspiring pride and hope by Malaysians and people everywhere," he was quoted in the release.

Malaysian researcher Indraneil Das set out with his team to rediscover the Sambas Stream Toad last August, searching after dark along the rugged ridges of a mountain range in western Sarawak state.

The toad was listed as one of the "World's Top 10 Most Wanted Lost Frogs" as part of a campaign by CI and another group to encourage scientists around the world to seek out amphibians that had not been seen in a decade or longer.

Google mines Internet for "what you love"

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Google rolled out a tool that mines the Internet for blogs, pictures, videos, and more based on the answer to the question "What do you love?"

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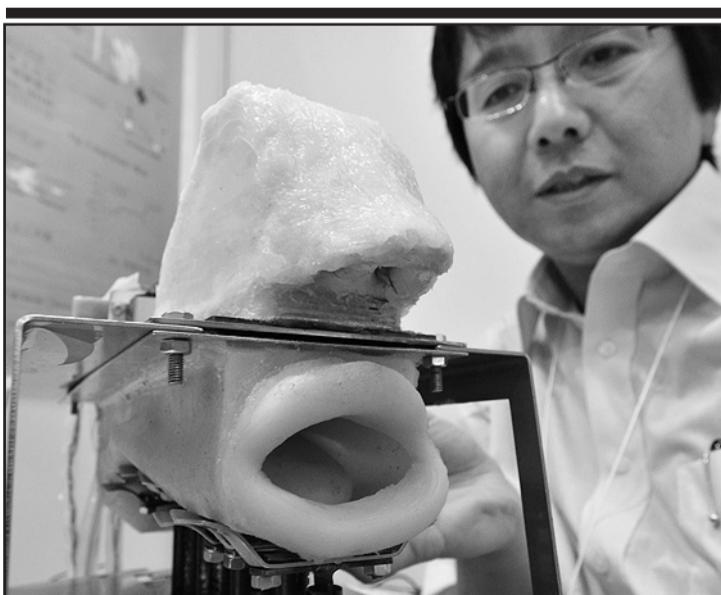
Searches return a collage of options including finding what you love nearby, exploring it in 3D graphics, calling someone about it, and seeing related patents, trends or news.

The tool was built to showcase Google creations for digging into what the Internet has to offer about topics.

"Type in something that

you love -- polar bears, space travel, pickup trucks, Lady Gaga, early Foghat -- whatever strikes your fancy," Google creative lab vice president Andy Berndt said in a blog post.

"No matter what it is, we'll give you back something that will let you get even more into what you love," he promised.



JAPAN, Tokyo : Japan's national Kagawa University professor Hideyuki Sawada displays his talking and singing robot, which has motor-controlled organs such as vocal cords, a vocal tract and a nasal cavity to generate voices like human vocalization during a robot exhibition in Tokyo. The robot is developed for voice training of auditory impaired people. (AFP PHOTO)



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The parents of Antonio Meno take care of their son while camped outside the justice ministry in Madrid.

MADRID (AFP)-Spain's Supreme Court on Thursday ordered a clinic to pay 1.075 million euros to the family of a man who slipped into a coma 22 years ago during cosmetic surgery that went wrong.

The insurance company of the Madrid clinic will pay the compensation to the parents of Antonio Meno, 42, who has lived in a vegetative state since a nose operation in 1989.

The court last November ordered the reopening of the highly publicised case following new testimony from a doctor at the clinic.

Meno's parents, both retired bakers, camped outside the justice ministry in Madrid for 16 months along with their son after they were forced to sell their home to pay 400,000 euros (\$569,000) in legal costs.

The anaesthetist at Meno's operation has denied accusations of negligence levelled by the family, saying he had choked on his own vomit following the surgery.

A Madrid court convicted the anaesthetist of negligence in 1993, but that decision was later overturned.

But a doctor who was present at the surgery recently came forward to state that the "accident" had taken place during the operation when the anaesthetist was out of the room and Meno's oxygen supply tube was undone.

Freedom More Important to Happiness Than Wealth, Study Finds

Personal independence and freedom are more important to people's well-being than wealth, a new study concludes.

Researchers at the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand analyzed the findings of three studies that included a total of more than 420,000 people from 63 countries and spanned nearly

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and insomnia, social problems, severe depression and physical symptoms of mental distress, such as unexplained headaches and stomach aches.

•The General Health Questionnaire, which measures distress in terms of anxiety

and exhaustion, depersonalization and lack of personal accomplishment.

The analysis revealed "a very consistent and robust finding that societal values of [freedom and autonomy] were the best predictors of well-being," wrote psychologists Ronald Fischer and Diana Boer in an American Psychological Association release.

"Furthermore, if wealth was a significant predictor alone, this effect disappeared when individualism was entered," they added.

"Our findings provide insight into well-being at the societal level," the researchers concluded.

The study appears in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.



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Study: Diners who use big forks eat less **Watch whales, then eat them**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Researchers have found a new way to control the amount we eat: use a bigger fork.

While numerous studies have focused on portion sizes and their influence on how much we eat, researchers Arul and Himanshu Mishra and Tamara Masters looked at how bite sizes affect quantities ingested. To do this, they conducted field research in a popular Italian restaurant in the southwestern United States.

Two sets of forks were used to tinker with bite size: a larger fork that held 20 percent more food than the fork usually used in the restaurant, and a smaller fork that held 20 percent less

than the usual utensil. Over two lunches and two dinners in the restaurant, tables were either "large fork" or "small fork" tables. Servers took customers' orders, and weighed the full plate of food that they had ordered before serving it to them.

A small sticky note was attached to the underside of each plate, noting the weight and other information -- just in case the fork and plate were separated when the table was cleared.

At the end of the meal, the plate was brought back to the kitchen and weighed again, and the researchers found that diners who used the bigger fork ate less of their food than those who used the smaller one.

SAINT HELIER, Jersey (AFP) - Watching and hunting whales "work perfectly together" in a look-and-cook combo of tourism and gastronomy, Iceland's Whale Commissioner said yesterday at the global whaling forum.

"Many of the tourists that go on whale watching tours go to restaurants afterwards to taste whale meat," said Tomas Heider, speaking on the sidelines of a meeting of the International Whaling Commission in the British Channel Islands.

"I think it is a very good proof of the compatibility of the two," he said, countering arguments that the contested practice of hunting the giant sea mammals drives away whale watching revenue.

Many countries in the 89-nation IWC, especially in South America, argue that potential income from tourism far outstrips the value of commercial whaling, and that the two do not mix well.

But in Iceland, Heider insists, the industries feed off each other.

"Even though we have been increasing our whaling in re-



cent years, the tourists are streaming in numbers to Iceland and going to whale watching tours like never before," he said. "It works perfectly together."

Like Norway, Iceland practices commercial whaling, invoking a much criticised option within IWC rules to exempt itself from a 1986 moratorium on industrial-scale hunting.

Iceland takes both fin and minke whales, and has significantly increased the number of each species captured.

After not hunting fin for nearly two decades, Icelandic

fishermen killed about 125 in 2009 and 150 last year. For minke whales, the number has jumped from an average of about 40 per year during the early 2000s, to between 60 and 80.

Iceland says whale populations in the North Atlantic are abundant enough to withstand these numbers.

A study published last year in the peer-reviewed journal Marine Policy said that whale tourism generated more than two billion dollars (1.4 billion euros) in 2009 and is on track to increase by about 10 percent a year.

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Aruba National Football team makes a valiant effort to qualify against St. Lucia in the 2014 FIFA World Cup



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nately, they encountered some setbacks, even before departing Aruba; 3 players – Maurice

Escalona, Giovannie Thode and David Adul - could not go, so were replaced by Jonathan Werleman, Mark Ignacio and Jean-Luc Bergen.

The team had a number of stopovers with delays prior to arriving in St. Lucia, consequently they arrived quite exhausted at 10:00 p.m. instead of 6:10 a.m. with little opportunity for a good rest before the match.

Additionally, 12 pieces of luggage did not make it to their final destination, among them, those containing the team's uniforms and training balls with several players also missing their football shoes, protectors and contact lens solutions.

Once arriving at their hotel, they contacted the FIFA match commissioner, who did his utmost to help them. Early the next morning, the team went to a local sport shop to acquire the needed uniforms, shoes and protectors for the entire

team and gear for the goalkeepers, enabling them to compete.

The match took place that same afternoon with St. Lucia defeating Aruba 4-2 with two goals scored for Aruba by Frederick Gomes and Rensy Barradas. The score of 4-2 gave each team 6 points, which resulted in a overtime game with no goals. This resulted in a tense penalty match, and a 4-4 tie when Aruba missed their shot and St. Lucia scored, for a final 5-4, thus eliminating Aruba from the Brazil World Cup 2014 preliminaries.

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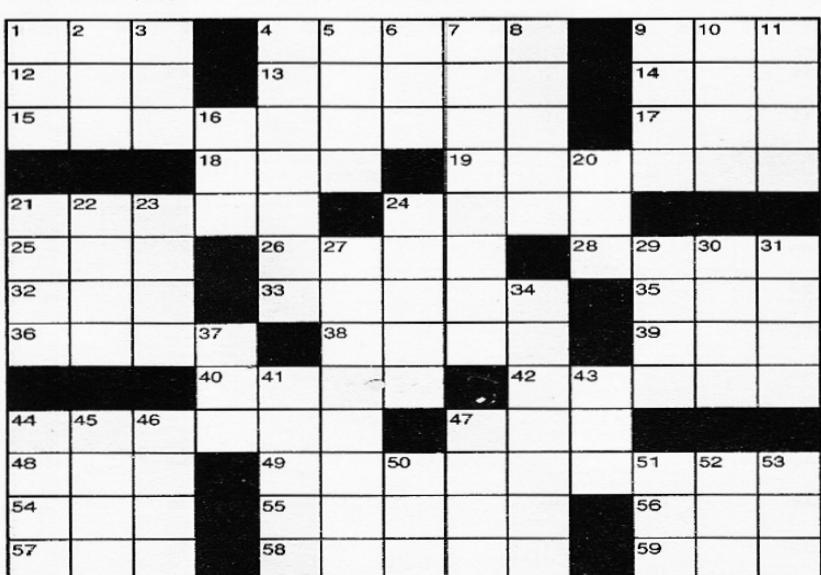
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17. Stat for Sosa
18. No longer working (abbr.)
19. Trees of Lebanon
21. Prepare to be knighted
24. Newspaper



article
 25. Disencumber
 26. Lucie Arnaz's dad
 28. DVD players' predecessors
 32. Stopover locale
 33. Beauty shop
 35. Horse food
 36. Ivory, e.g.
 38. Of sound mind
 39. Sothern of "Maisie"
 40. Son of Noah
 42. Lemon slice
 44. Roberts, Duffy, and Ward Howe
 47. Cable news channel (abbr.)
 48. Smart whip (2 wds.)
 49. Quasimodo's

hangout (2 wds.)
 54. They replaced LPs
 55. Fists, slangily
 56. "All one..."
 57. Kit Club ("Cabaret")
 58. Stores cargo
 59. Air-rifle ammo

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1. "Beverly Hills —"
2. Sheep mom
3. Hamilton's prov.
4. Actress Brooke
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7. Chain —
8. First name in cosmetics

9. Vamp Theda
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 22. Padre's son
 23. Ferber or Best
 24. Muslim faith
 27. Unseats tactfully (2 wds.)
 29. African lake
 30. Sounded the alarm
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Finance

Global markets falter on debt crisis

LONDON, (AFP) - Worries that the debt crisis could claim more victims roiled the financial markets Thursday after Moody's warned it could cut its top-notch US rating and Washington tried again to thrash out a debt deal.

Dealers said US markets were initially helped by positive jobs data and results from giant lender JPMorgan, and this provided some support for Europe where investors fretted that eurozone debt contagion could bring down Italy or Spain after snaring Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Moody's warned the United States it could downgrade its top-notch AAA rating if sharply divided Republicans and Democrats cannot agree a debt deal by early August and so avoid putting the country into default.

With the eurozone failing repeatedly to resolve the Greek debt crisis, the markets have turned their attention to Italy and Spain, seen as the next most likely casualties, upping the stakes dramatically.

Dealers said investors were also anxious ahead of key European Union bank stress test results due late Friday, with many wondering how the lenders will fare as the debt crisis forces their borrowing costs up.

Against such an uncertain backdrop, gold stood out as its traditional safehaven qualities pushed it to a record high of \$1,594.45 an ounce, before falling back to close at

\$1,590.50, up from \$1,579 on Wednesday.

In London, the benchmark FTSE 100 index of top shares closed down 1.00 percent to 5,846.95 points. In Frankfurt, the DAX fell 0.73 percent at 7,214.74 points and in Paris the CAC 40 lost 1.11 percent to 3,751.23 points.

The euro was little changed, giving up modest gains to change hands at \$1.4163, off highs above \$1.42 and compared with \$1.4153 in New York trade late Wednesday. The single currency hit a 4-month low of \$1.3837 earlier this week.

The dollar rose to 79.11 yen from 78.99 yen.

Italy sold bonds Thursday but had to pay sharply higher rates to investors to get them to buy, reflecting growing concerns over Rome's ability to stabilise the public finances.

Meanwhile, US President Barack Obama was in a stand-off with Republicans on how to avert a debt default which Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said it would be a "major crisis" for the world's biggest economy.

The two sides plan further talks but the stakes appeared to be mounting fast -- China on Thursday urged Washington to protect the interests of investors in US government bonds in light of Moody's warning.

China is by far the top holder of US debt at \$1.15 trillion in April and has repeatedly raised concerns that US policies threaten its investment.

In New York, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 0.16 percent at around 1630 GMT while the tech-heavy Nasdaq lost 0.86, both giving up early gains.

US jobless claims fall sharply

WASHINGTON (AFP)-New claims for US unemployment insurance benefits registered a bigger-than-expected drop last week but still remained elevated amid an ailing labor market, official data showed Thursday.

Initial jobless claims fell by 22,000 to 405,000 in the week ending July 9, the Labor Department said. The prior week's number was upwardly revised to 427,000.

The average analyst estimate was for a smaller decline in claims, to 410,000.

A Minnesota state shutdown resulted in about 11,500 new claims, the department noted.

It was the 14th week in a row that US jobless claims held above the 400,000 mark, after dropping below that threshold from February to April in a trend that had encouraged hopes that a struggling economic recovery was gaining traction.

The four-week moving average last week was 423,250,

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Rare earth minerals

► Collection of 17 chemical elements

► Vital component in high-tech products

► China produces more than 95 percent of world's rare earths

Some products that contain rare earth elements:

■ iPods

dysprosium, neodymium, praseodymium, samarium, terbium

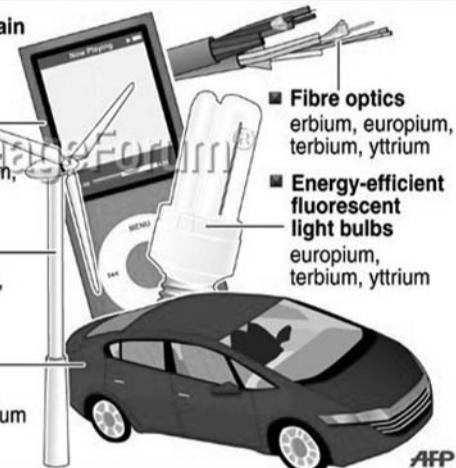
■ Wind turbines

dysprosium, neodymium, praseodymium, terbium

■ Hybrid vehicles

dysprosium, lanthanum, neodymium, praseodymium

Source: USGS



CHINA : Fact file on rare earths after China nearly doubled its export quota for the second half of the year on Thursday

Protesters block Shell facility in Nigeria

IMIRINGI, (AFP) - Protesters blocked facilities belonging to oil giant Shell on Thursday in Nigeria demanding improvements to communities in the area, including new roads and stable electricity supply.

About 40 protesters accused Shell of breaching a 1999 accord on the provision of electricity and roads for the Oruma, Otuasega, Elebele and Imiringi communities in Bayelsa, home state of President Goodluck Jonathan.

For more than six hours, protesters prevented entry into the Kolo Creek logistics base of Shell and a crude oil delivery line to Port Harcourt, Nigeria's main oil hub, witnesses said.

Their spokesman, Ranami

Afagha, said the communities had written several letters and held meetings over the implementation of the accord, which they said was signed in the presence of Jonathan, then Bayelsa deputy governor.

"Shell had agreed then to connect our communities to the plant supplying electricity to their office facility here in our environment but reneged," he told journalists.

Anglo-Dutch firm also said a total of 3.5 million dollars had been disbursed for projects in the protesting communities between 2006 and 2010.

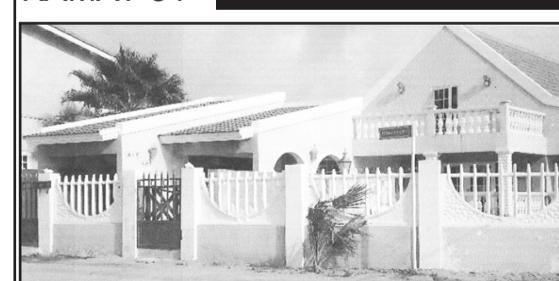
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Popular Pizza Bob's is perfect for casual dining



A popular hangout with Eagle Beach temporary residents



Swedish sisters Sharla and Carolina are huge fans of Pizza Bob's

Everyone has those nights when they want an easy, casual meal, and among denizens of the Eagle Beach area, their favorite place for fun food and friendly surroundings is Pizza Bob's, right next to the Bucuti Beach resort parking lot.

Maitre D' Alex adores welcoming his abundant repeat clientele, being five minutes walk from most of Aruba's timeshares has made the place a prime eatery among families with healthy appetites. Their pizza is modeled on the classic thin crust typical of Chicago's Southside, and the secret recipe of a famous pizzeria since 1957, which we dare not name as we might get whacked!

While checking out the locale, Alex introduced us to Sharla and Caroline from Sweden, frequent visitors to Aruba who can't imagine a vacation without several dinner stops at Pizza Bob's. This was the general consensus of all the guests who we spoke with during our time there; all make it a multiple meal choice during their vacation. "I have one couple from Germany who eat here every night of their vacation," confessed Alex, "they are

like family to us!"

Aside from the famous pizzas, the menu features very tasty barbecue, a personal favorite of Caroline, lasagna, Fresh Vegetable Linguini and huge salads that can be shared by two, plus a personal favorite for dessert, "Death by Chocolate." They do sport an air-conditioned dining room, which is popular at lunch time to escape the tropical mid-day sun, but nighttime is the right time to enjoy their outdoor terrace and great music from noted island singer Tommy every Wednesday and Saturday night, which converts the eatery into a congenial hangout until closing time.

If you love your pizza and island ambiance, Pizza Bob's is the perfect place for a fun night. Open for lunch and dinner every day from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 pm., and they deliver to all the resorts in the Eagle Beach area. Call 588 9040 ext. 790 for delivery or to pre-order. They also feature a daily happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. when you can enjoy a large size pizza for the price of a medium and drinks are 2-for-1; what a deal!

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Clubhouse

Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for

those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cook-outs and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable

TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/ dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



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German grannies take up new calling as 'Mary Poppins'

HAMBURG, Germany (AFP) - In Germany the idea of a teenager spending a few months abroad looking after someone else's children while she studies or travels has given rise to a new concept - the granny "au pair".

Newspapers now explicitly solicit applications from older women rather than students with ads such as: "Family living in Australia with two children aged 4 and 2 seeks German replacement granny for three to six months".

"Older women (aged between 50 and 70) are often better than young ones because they have more life experience," says Michaela Hansen, 50, who has set up an agency in the northern German city of Hamburg to help put families in touch with would-be hired "grannies".

And the German "Mary Poppins" have as good a reputation abroad as the fictional eccentric nanny with magical powers from the children's books.

Families are keen to take

on "serious and reliable" women "who will know how to look after a child and be strict when necessary," says Hansen.

Anke Vendt, a 61-year-old retiree from a naval construction company, remembers harbouring some doubts as she fastened her seatbelt in the plane flying her to Spain.

"But what am I doing?" she remembers thinking after she responded to an ad from the agency calling for a mature woman to look after two boys from a German family living in southern Spain.

But a year later, as she sat sipping coffee back in her home town, she remembers the experience fondly.

"I had a super life there," she says.

"My work involved me taking the two boys, aged 13 and 16, to school in the morning and fetching them in the evening.

She got on well with the family and now returns regularly to look after the boys when the parents have to travel for business.

At the other end of Ger-



A "granny au pair," pictured in the northern German city of Hamburg

many, in southern Bavaria, Embjoerg Elster remembers looking at the snow fall, thinking it was a romantic sight but that nothing very much happened in winter at home.

The agency, known as "Granny Au Pair" just helps families and "grannies" get in touch. It charges 35 euros (\$50) to register and 250 euros if a match is made.

But "granny" and the family must work out their own agreement about terms and conditions.

Copa America - July 1 - 24

Venezuela gatecrash - but old order rules Copa

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Brazilian forward Alexandre Pato celebrates

Neutrals will be delighted one of the five is Venezuela, reaching this stage for the first time on foreign soil after holding Brazil and coming back from 3-1 down to hold Paraguay.

Brazil now take on the Paraguayans - who came within a minute of beating them in the group.

While the Venezuelans revel in their role of gatecrashers, the auriverde, the albiceleste and the charruas - the only sides on the continent to have tasted World Cup glory - will now seek to show the old guard still rule.

Yet positive performances by the likes of Chile, Venezuela's next opponents, suggest the heavyweights can take nothing for granted.

One of the Big Three will definitely not be in the semi-final draw as the Argentinians face the Uruguayan on Saturday at Santa Fe.

With Lionel Messi starting to fire on all cylinders the hosts should advance.

But Uruguay in the past have been a thorn in the flesh of their illustrious neighbours.

Although Argentina have won the tournament on six of the eight occasions they have hosted it and match the 14 ti-

ties of their rivals from across the River Plate, the two times they messed up saw the Uruguayans benefit.

The first was in the inaugural tournament of 1916, while the latest slip-up came in 1987.

In those early days, Brazil were less keen on continental superiority - the auriverde preferred to earn World Cup kudos.

But recently, amid Argentina's ongoing trophy drought, the Brazilians have decided that rubbing in superiority on both levels is a cosy feeling.

While the samba stars have won four of the past five editions - Colombia, through to a meeting with Peru, bagged a title in 2001 to break the sequence - the Argentinians and Uruguayans have slid out of the limelight.

That 1987 surprise was Uruguay's last win to date while Argentinians need no reminding that since they triumphed in 1993 the senior side has won nothing at all.

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez, a former handler of Argentinian side Boca Juniors, says he is looking forward to Saturday's encounter.

"It will be do or die and now the tournament is really

beginning in earnest," noted 'El Maestro'.

Counterpart Carlos Batista meanwhile has slammed the door shut on the debate as to whether his side can or should try to play like Barcelona, telling ESPN: "I don't have to copy Barcelona; nor do I have to ask (Barca coach Pep) Guardiola for advice."

The difference against Costa Rica was that Messi, 53 goals for Barca last season, excelled as provider, only underlining his versatility.

The duel will take place at the Santa Fe stadium nicknamed the elephants' graveyard, scene of numerous domestic shocks.

While Chile and Uruguay appear the biggest threats to have a tilt at the title, the big guns, early travails behind them, are now loaded.

As Brazil striker Pato warned after his side dispatched Ecuador, when the going gets tough, the top teams get going.

"This is where the Copa starts," said the Milan sharpshooter.

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Sanchez gives Basques a rare win at 'home'

LUZ ARDIDEN (AFP) - The last time Samuel Sanchez fought so hard to hold back his emotions on a major podium was at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

On Thursday, the tears were almost in full flow again after the Spaniard's maiden stage win on the Tour de France 12th stage helped him achieve another lifetime dream.

In the process, Sanchez ended the Euskaltel team's long wait to bring joy to the thousands of orange-clad Basque fans who converge on the Pyrenees every time the race passes.

"Today was a very important day for us, we're in the Pyrenees and we had a lot of fans coming from the Basque country to support us," said Sanchez, who started the stage over five minutes behind leader Thomas Voeckler.

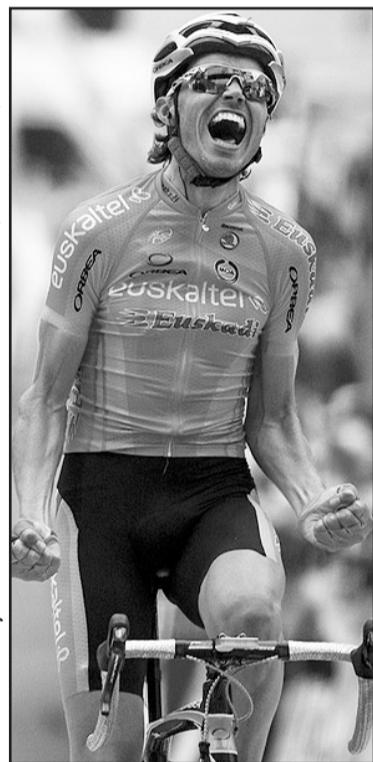
"So for me it was crucial to have a real dig, to at least try. The fact I'm far behind in the GC (general classification) gave me a chance to escape."

Sanchez's win came almost 10 years to the day that former Euskaltel rider Robert Laiseka handed the team their maiden stage win on the race, also at Luz Ardiden.

It also helped Sanchez -- who had been hoping for a podium place this year after finishing fourth in 2010 -- make amends for a disappointing race so far.

"I don't know what the rest of the race has in store for me. Right now I still can't believe I won a stage," he added.

"It's so important for me to



win here in Luz Ardiden in front of all my fans, especially as it was ten years ago that Roberto Laiseka won."

Despite his pride at being an Olympic champion, winning a stage on the world's most prestigious race was just as special.

"They are both special in their own ways. In the Olympics it was particular because it was very far from Europe and a completely different atmosphere," he added.

"But as a cyclist, to win a stage on the France is something else. Cycling is such a hard sport that you suffer so much more than you rejoice."

"That's why a win like today is so important."

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Sports briefs...

Gregg, Ortiz suspended for brawl

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Baltimore pitcher Kevin Gregg and Red Sox slugger David Ortiz were suspended four games apiece and fined on Thursday for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl on July 8.

Orioles pitcher Mike Gonzalez was suspended three games, and manager Buck Showalter was suspended one game for throwing at Ortiz three days later, Major League Baseball said.

Gregg and Gonzalez said they would appeal, putting their suspensions on hold. Ortiz was not immediately available for comment.

Showalter, who does not have the option of an appeal, was to miss Thursday's game against Cleveland.

Also fined undisclosed amounts in connection with the fracas were Orioles pitcher Jim Johnson, Boston catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Boston pitcher John Lackey.

The trouble began when Gregg threw two inside pitches to Ortiz. Ortiz started toward the mound after the second, and players from both benches and bullpens jogged onto the field, although nothing further developed.

Bjorn and Lewis share Open lead

SANDWICH (AFP) - A tearful Thomas Bjorn returned to the scene of his former heartbreak here on Thursday to grab the first round lead in the British Open which he shares with 20-year-old English amateur Tom Lewis.

On a day when patchy rain and stiff sea breezes early on allowed Royal St George's to bear its teeth at the 156-strong field, the 41-year-old Dane seized the lead with a five-under 65 that included seven birdies.

One stroke back from that pair was 47-year-old Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain, along with two Americans, 2009 US Open champion Lucas Glover and Open debutant Webb Simpson.

Tournament favourite Rory McIlroy, the newly-crowned US Open champion, ended a three-week break by bogeying two of his first three holes, only to steady the ship and fire a one-over 71.

That was also where the top two ranking players in the world, English pair Luke Donald and Lee Westwood, ended the day, while top American hope Phil Mickelson, at 41, was just ahead of them at level par.

NFL labour talking heating up

NEW YORK (AFP) - The two sides in the National Football League lockout engaged in another round of lengthy labour talks Thursday with both groups beefing up their bargaining teams in the nine billion dollar wrangle.

The NFL issued a statement saying: "We share the view that now is the time to reach an agreement so we can all get back to football and a full 2011 season. We are working hard with the players' negotiating team every day to complete an agreement as soon as possible."

Judge declares mistrial in Clemens case

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Prosecutors then asked the judge if the jury could simply be instructed to disregard what they had been told but Walton replied, "I don't see how I un-ring the bell."

Walton then scheduled a September 2 hearing to decide whether to have a new trial.

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner as his league's top pitcher, is charged with perjury, false statements and obstruction of Congress for telling a US House of Representatives committee under oath that he never used steroids or human growth hormone in his Major League Baseball career.

The drama began when the judge interrupted the prosecution's playing of a video of Clemens' testimony before the US Congress three years ago and then asked the jury to leave the courtroom. Clemens is accused of lying during that testimony.

Walton was angered that a video included a clip referring to the wife of Clemens' former New York Yankee teammate Laura Pettitte.

Andy Pettitte says that in 1999 or 2000 Clemens told him that he used human growth hormone. Andy Pettitte then told his wife about the conversation. Clemens says his former teammate misheard his words.

Prosecutors had wanted to call Laura as a key witness but Walton wasn't pleased with the idea because she had not spoken directly to Clemens herself.

"I think that a first-year law student would know that

"Government counsel should have been more cautious," he said.

Clemens showed no emotion when the mistrial was announced and did not speak publicly after leaving the courtroom.

Clemens, 48, was named in the Mitchell Report in December 2007 as one of 86 players who took performance-enhancing drugs but he steadfastly denied the allegations and pushed for a hearing before Congress.

Clemens, nicknamed "Rocket", is one of only four pitchers to have made more than 4,000 strike-outs during his career.

He won the World Series twice with the New York Yankees in 1999 and 2000. He also played for Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and Houston Astros during his 23-year career.



Clemens leaves the U.S. District Court after the judge declared a mistrial, on July 14, 2011 in Washington, DC

you can't bolster the credibility of one witness with clearly inadmissible evidence," Walton said.

While speaking with lawyers from both sides at the front of the courtroom Walton noted that the case has already cost a lot of American taxpayer money.

MLB Standings

American League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| BOSTON | 55 | 35 | .611 | -- |
| NY YANKEES | 53 | 35 | .602 | 1.0 |
| TAMPA | 49 | 41 | .544 | 6.0 |
| TORONTO | 45 | 47 | .489 | 11 |
| BALTIMORE | 36 | 52 | .409 | 18 |

Central

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|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| DETROIT | 49 | 43 | .533 | -- |
| CLEVELAND | 47 | 42 | .528 | 0.5 |
| CHICAGO | 44 | 48 | .478 | 5.0 |
| MINNESOTA | 41 | 48 | .461 | 6.5 |
| KANSAS | 37 | 54 | .407 | 11.5 |

West

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|------------|----|----|------|------|
| TEXAS | 51 | 41 | .554 | -- |
| LA ANGELES | 50 | 42 | .543 | 1.0 |
| SEATTLE | 43 | 48 | .473 | 7.5 |
| OAKLAND | 39 | 53 | .424 | 12.0 |

National League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| PHILADELPHIA | 57 | 34 | .626 | -- |
| ATLANTA | 54 | 38 | .587 | 3.5 |
| NY METS | 46 | 43 | .505 | 11.0 |
| WASHINGTON | 46 | 46 | .500 | 11.5 |
| FLORIDA | 43 | 48 | .473 | 14 |

Central

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|------------|----|----|------|------|
| MILWAUKEE | 49 | 43 | .533 | -- |
| ST. LOUIS | 49 | 43 | .533 | -- |
| PITTSBURG | 47 | 43 | .522 | 1.0 |
| CINCINNATI | 45 | 47 | .489 | 4.0 |
| CHICAGO | 37 | 55 | .402 | 12.0 |
| HOUSTON | 30 | 62 | .326 | 19.0 |

West

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|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| SAN FRANCISCO | 52 | 40 | .565 | -- |
| ARIZONA | 49 | 43 | .533 | 3.0 |
| COLORADO | 43 | 48 | .473 | 8.5 |
| LA DODGERS | 41 | 51 | .446 | 11.0 |
| SAN DIEGO | 40 | 52 | .435 | 12.0 |

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Venezuela gatecrash - but old order rules Copa



Venezuelan defender Grenddy Perozo (L) celebrates with forward Nicolas Fedor, after scoring the team's third goal against Paraguay

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - After two games at the 43rd Copa America left hosts Argentina, holders Brazil and 14-times winners Uruguay winless it seemed the old order of South American football could be facing a challenge to its long supremacy.

But try as they might to shake the tree, their rivals

have not managed to dislodge them and the trio now have time to regroup having finally made it, albeit belatedly, into the quarter-finals.

Joining them, however, are five teams who are out to prove that the tournament is not a closed shop when it comes to lifting the trophy.

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| GROUP A | W | D | L | GF | GA | PTS |
|------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| COLOMBIA | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| ARGENTINA | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| COSTA RICA | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| BOLIVIA | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |

GROUP B

| BRAZIL | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VENEZUELA | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| PARAGUAY | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| ECUADOR | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

GROUP C

| CHILE | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| URUGUAY | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| PERU | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| MEXICO | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

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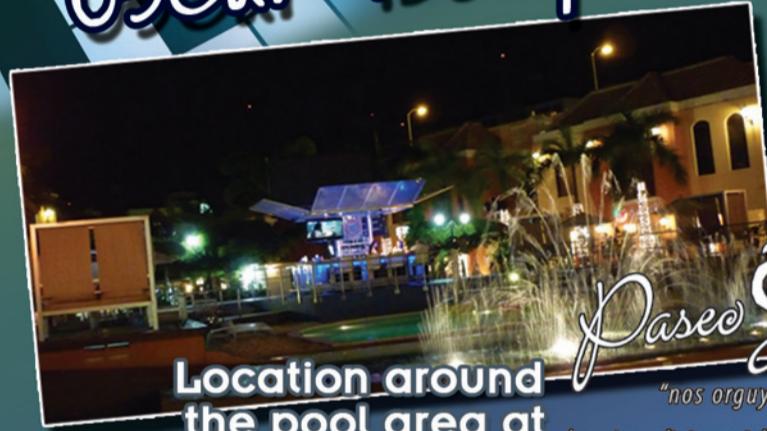
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Judge declares mistrial in Clemens case

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The American judge in former baseball star Roger Clemens' perjury trial has declared a mistrial after ruling that prosecutors violated his orders regarding the handling of evidence.

US District Judge Reggie

Walton said he made the decision because Clemens could not be assured a fair trial when prosecutors went against his orders and showed inadmissible evidence to jurors on just the second day of testimony.

"There are rules that we

play by and those rules are designed to make sure both sides receive a fair trial," Walton said on Thursday.

"The ability with Mr. Clemens with this jury to get a fair trial with this jury would be very difficult if not impossible."

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